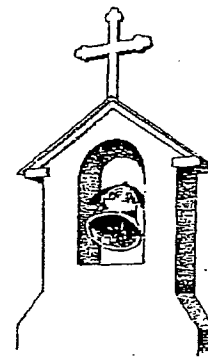


Christ Church *Bell*

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Every Lent invites us to prepare for new life. Lent challenges us to get ready for our resurrected Easter life by stripping away everything that stands in the way of Jesus: *"let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God"* (Hebrews 12:1b-2).

Lent *this year* invites to reflect on ourselves not only as individuals but also as a congregation. Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday**, on **14 February** this year. Come to the church on Ash Wednesday for Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at **7:30 a.m., noon, and 7 p.m.** (Drive-thru ashes will also be offered in front of the Parish Hall from 4 to 5 p.m.) Lenten reading material for all ages will be available in the Parish Hall and in the church beginning on Sunday, 4 February.

Join us on the six Fridays in Lent (16 & 23 February & 1, 8, 15, & 22 March) for **Lenten fellowship evenings** of worship, a simple supper, and study. We begin in the church at 6 p.m. with Stations of the Cross, followed by a simple soup supper in the Parish Hall. After supper, we'll watch & discuss the Rev Matt Rawle's series *Jesus Revealed: the I Am Statements in the Gospel of John*. Join us for part or all of each evening's events, as your schedule permits, and bring a friend.

As most of you know, I announced recently that I will retire as rector of Christ Church at the end of this September. On our bishop's advice, I announced my retirement relatively early, so that we could begin a congregational self-study very soon and move on to a rector search well before my last Sunday (29 September). Much like the personal reflection that lies at the heart of Lent, a congregation's self-study invites us to look honestly at ourselves as a congregation. What are our strengths? What are our challenges? How are we serving Christ well? Where do we fall short? What type of rector will help us grow (collectively) into Christ-likeness: how can we get ready together for our resurrected Easter life? The vestry will soon choose teams to lead our self-study and to lead us in search. **If you would like to serve on either team (self-study or search) (or nominate someone else to serve), please contact our Senior Warden, any member of the vestry, or me.**

Please join us on **Shrove Tuesday**, the last day before Lent, for a wonderful evening of fellowship and feasting, for the **Fat Tuesday pancake supper**, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Finally, our new bishop coadjutor, the Rt Rev Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, will be with us on **Sunday, 10 March**. We'll have **one worship service** that day, at 10 a.m., followed by a finger-food reception in the Parish Hall. The bishop's visit is the traditional time for confirmation, reception into The Episcopal Church (for those coming from certain other denominations), renewal of baptismal vows, and Holy Baptism. If you wish to prepare for one of these sacraments, please let me know right away.

Yours in Christ,



HeartFelt Backpack Program

We are now filling 8 HeartFelt backpacks each week for St. Leonard Elementary School students and the food is disappearing quickly. We send home breakfast for 3 days, lunch for 2 days, and supper for 3 days plus snacks and drinks and more on holiday weekends. When you go shopping and would like to pick up some food, we need Poptarts, cereal bars, canned potatoes, canned corn, canned green beans, chocolate and vanilla pudding, fruit (individual cups), cookies (6 to a pkg.), raisins, chicken salad, tuna salad, canned pasta – spaghetti and meatballs, beefaroni, ravioli, mac and cheese, and other foods that are considered a meal. We truly appreciate everything that is given.

Thank you for all you have already given to fill the backpacks for HeartFelt at SLES. Over the last few years, you have made a difference for the students at SLES.

Nancy Zinn

THE VESTRY OF CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

OFFICERS

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Nancy W. Zinn, *Sr. Warden*
Bart Ewalt, *Jr. Warden*
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Beverly Lusby, *Assistant Treasurer*
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VESTRY MEMBERS

2024	Kathy Clark	Donnie McCreedy
2025	Peter Cochran	Patti Wahl
2026	Ron Cole	Allyson Sigler
2027	Bob Graham	Philip Yeats

CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following parishioners and items in your prayers:

Joys / Thanksgivings

- Historic witness and mission of the parish in Calvert County, in Maryland and worldwide
- Buildings and 47 acres of grounds entrusted to the parish

Military

- Aaron Boudreau, Thomas Garcia, Michael Harris, Robert Harris, Clay Liles, Evan Metz, Brian Riva, Peeter Pleake-Tamm, Caidyn Nolan, Kamryn Nolan

Burial

- Richard Laveille Hance

Baptism

- Amelia Grace Yurchik (baptism 4 Feb 2024); Harper Amelia Hammett (baptism, 10 March 2024); Sarah Hamme (reception into The Episcopal Church, 10 March 2024)

Homebound and Long-term Care

- Ruth Green, Jessica Lewis, Vera Lind, Elaine Williams, Anne Yoe

Sick / Hospitalized / Recovering

- Aurelio Azpiazu, Johnny Brodigan, Fred Gott, Cindy Horsmon, Gil Masters, Shannon Masters, Sheila Pitcher, Kirk Taylor, Hank Wegner, Mary Linda Wegner, Franklin Wood, Joan Wood

Special Needs / Concerns of our Parish

- Discernment and labor for strengthening faithful parish witness & mission
- Ukraine
- Turkey
- Syria
- Israel
- God's guidance for our self-study and search for next rector

Friends of Parish

- | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| - Molly | -Kay Hoile | -Little Woody Lee |
| -Ben Norfolk | -Viola Carroll | -Marshall (Hoot) Gibson, Jr. |
| -Dorothy Franklin | -William Johnson | -Charlotte Hayman |
| -Ann Garner | -Josh Nudge | -Roland (Sonny) Hayman |
| -Tommy Rosnage | -Daniel Carter | -Ann Boyer |
| -Ronnie Bowen | - Carrie | -Jaylyn Almond |
| -Bonnie Kelly | --Bill Lerch | -Barry Maguire |
| -Lori McCarty | -Jackie | -Jamie Gurney |
| -Beverly | -Linda | - Kathy W. |
| -Amy Marburger | -Billy Bonolis | |

We will pray for members of the parish who are sick, hospitalized, or recovering for three Sundays in church, and then remove their names from the prayer list, unless specifically renewed. We will list Friends of the Parish for one month and then remove their names from the Bell, unless specifically renewed.

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Events at Claggett. The Claggett Center, our diocesan camp and conference center near Buckeystown, offers a variety of programs for adults. Early registration is encouraged due to limited space 2024. Men's Retreat, February 2-4, 2024. Writer's Retreat, February 26-29, 2024. Info and registration at <https://www.claggettcenter.org/adult-programs>

Oops

In the January Bell, I had an article "Mackall Music Scholars". I listed the Choir Members but I Goofed. I failed to list Debbie Kennedy as a member of the Choir. Please accept my apologies for that oversight.

Nancy W. Zinn



Jarrett Voice Studio will hold their annual winter recital on Sunday, 4 February from 2 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Church offices closed Monday, 19 February, in observance of President's Day, a federal holiday.



Hygiene Kits for Women's Prison. The Warden and Chaplain at the women's prison have reached out to the faith-based organizations asking them to help provide 620 hygiene kits for the entire Maryland Correctional Institution – Women (MCI-W) population. Contrary to popular belief, prisons provide very little for women in this area. The women inside MCI-W must provide their own hygiene products by working within the institution or through the generosity of family. Jobs are limited inside, and the pay is peanuts. And the canteen where these items are available is privately run and the charge for everything is prohibitive. Items that will be allowed in the kits will be shampoo, body wash, lotion, dove soap, toothpaste, and sanitary pads. Total cost is approximately \$30.00. Unfortunately, individuals cannot purchase these items and send them directly to the prison. The kits will have to go in all together. Donations can be made in one of two ways: online payment to St. John's Episcopal Church, www.stjec.org, using Miscellaneous. Please be sure to enter **PRISON MINISTRY** in the **Please Specify box**. This will ensure your kind donation is used for this purpose. **OR** Send a Check to: Operation New Year Gifts for MCI-W, c/o Deacon Nancy Stockbridge, 3112 Homewood Pkwy, Kensington, MD 20895. Make checks payable to St. John's Episcopal Church. Any amount, no matter how large or how small will be a blessing. With God's blessings, Deacon Beth

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

157th Jousting Tournament

August 31, 2024

August 31, 2024, will be our 157th Jousting Tournament. Jimmy Coffren has agreed to be the overall Tournament Chair, Allyson Sigler and Chloe Ewalt have agreed to be the Bazaar Co-Chairs, and Susan Yoe has agreed to be the Organ Recital Chair for the 2024 157th Jousting Tournament. I have not heard back from Gary Baker and Tommy Luginbill as of the printing of the February Bell.

Coffee Hour sign-up book is now available for 2024. **Hosts are needed**, to bring snacks, (Simple finger food is fine – no need for an elaborate spread.) set up, prepare coffee, and clean up: The sign-up book is in the Parish Hall or call the church office. There are lots of opportunities to host in the weeks ahead, so please do sign up.

LOVE IS AN ACTION!

Love is about doing for others. For this Valentine's Day (or any other time of the year), create a coupon book that helps you serve others with love.

Here is what you need:

■ index cards or colored paper (as many as you need)

■ stickers (optional)

■ colored markers or crayons

Here is what you do:

1. Think of the different people you can show love to. For example, parents, brothers, sisters, friends, neighbors, teachers, grandparents, etc.

2. Make a list of different things (acts of love) you can do for these people to show them you love them.

3. On each index card or colored paper, write these words:

This coupon is good for:



With love,
[Sign your name]



4. Write one "act of love" on each coupon's blank line.

5. Decorate each coupon with drawings, designs or stickers.

6. You can give people one coupon each or staple a few together into a coupon book to give to each person.

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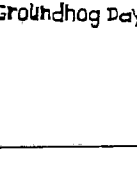
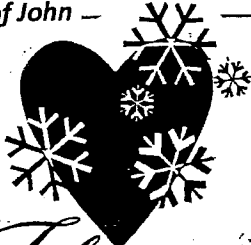
FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED
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Holidays and Observances: 14: Valentine's Day, 19: Presidents' Day

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 Cell 407-256-3298

WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 11:30 am – Juliet's Luncheon 	3
7 Wednesday Evening Worship via Zoom	8 10:00 am Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry 10:45 am Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	9 Groundhog Day - 	10
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Give a heart



One way to show love is to do something nice for someone else. Luke 10:27 tells us to love our neighbors, but who are our neighbors? Everyone is!

Make these fun heart treats to share with some of your neighbors.

What you need:

- Saucepan
- 2 tablespoons of butter
- 2 or 3 bags of miniature marshmallows
- 4 cups of crisp-rice cereal (regular or chocolate)
- 9 x 13 pan
- Heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bag of chocolate chips (milk or white chocolate)
- Bowl
- Zipper sandwich baggie
- Scissors

What you do (with adult help):

1. Melt butter in saucepan and add marshmallows.
2. Stir until mixture becomes difficult to stir anymore. Mix in cereal and stir.
3. Butter the 9 x 13 pan and spread the mixture evenly in it. Allow to cool.
4. When cool, use cookie cutter to cut out heart-shaped treats.
5. Melt chocolate chips in a bowl in the microwave.
6. Spoon melted chocolate into a baggie. Cut off a corner and drizzle chocolate over the treats.
7. Enjoy giving a heart to your neighbor!

CALLING NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

Voting Members who are exploring a possible call by the Lord to Vestry service are expected to take full opportunity to prayerfully learn prior to the Parish Annual Meeting as much as possible about the duties, responsibilities, dynamics, challenges, and joys of Vestry service; please speak with any Vestry member or Officer. Election to the Vestry will be held at the Parish Annual Meeting on April 14, 2024. "Voting Members shall be nominated from the floor by another Voting Member at the annual meeting. No nominations for Vestry member shall be accepted unless the person nominated has agreed to serve if elected."

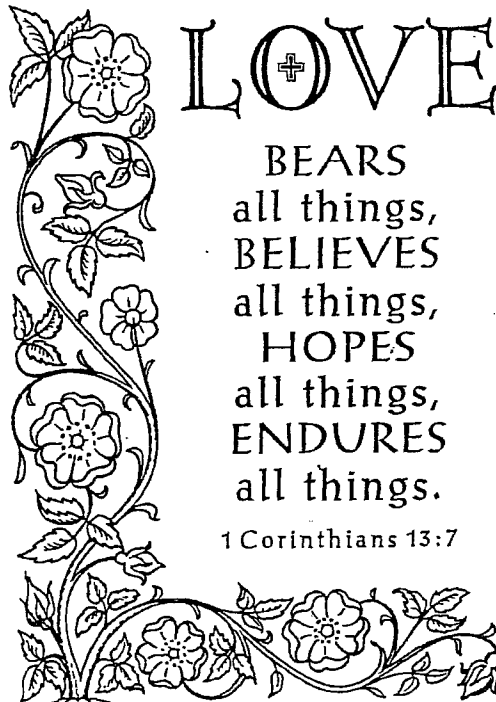
NOTE: "Voting Members: are persons at least 18 years of age who have been Ordinary Members for at least six months, and who are enrolled in this Parish, for the period aforesaid, as communicants-in-good-standing and as contributors. ("Communicants-in-good-standing" have received Holy Communion at least three times during the preceding year and are faithful in corporate worship unless for good cause prevented, and in working, praying, and giving, for the spread of the Kingdom of God.) Also, the Safe Church Policy of The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland requires Officers and Vestry members to complete a criminal records check, a sexual offender registry check, a reference background check, and to hold training certificates from this Diocese in both "Prevention of Child Sexual Misconduct" and "Prevention of Adult Sexual Misconduct."

Help us find our next Rector

The Vestry is seeking volunteers to serve on the Self-Study Team and Search Team (with the understanding that volunteering is not an automatic appointment). The self-study team will help us look at ourselves as a parish and define the type of rector who is best-suited to lead us be the Church we need to be. After the self-study team has completed their work, the search team will begin advertising and receiving names of prospective candidates. Both teams are intended to be broadly representative of our Parish, ideally including both older and younger adults, married and un-married persons, parents, attendees of both Sunday services, relative newcomers, and longstanding members. The self-study team will form first, and will begin its work soon. The search team will form later. Both teams will require much work; the search team will also require some travel.

Nancy Zinn, Sr. Warden, has a list of some who have already volunteered. Please make sure she has your name on her list and for those who have not volunteered yet, please give Nancy a call, 410-586-0682, or e-mail kayzinn716@comcast.net. The Vestry appreciates your willingness to serve on these important teams.

Lenten Fellowship Evenings. Join us on the six Fridays in Lent (16 & 23 Feb & 1, 8, 15, & 22 March) for worship, fellowship, a simple supper, and study. We begin in the church at 6 p.m. with Stations of the Cross, followed by a simple soup supper in the Parish Hall. After supper, we'll watch & discuss the Rev Matt Rawle's series *Jesus Revealed: the I Am Statements in the Gospel of John*. (Books have been ordered and should be available for purchase soon.) All are welcome; join us for part or all of each evening's events, as your schedule permits. A coordinator and hosts are needed for the suppers: please let Senior Warden Nancy Zinn or Fr Christopher know if you can host (set up) on or more Fridays.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Prayer is offered for each person posted on the birthday list by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, The Daughters of the King, and other parish prayer ministries and intercessors.

Birthdays are posted from the most current records. Please provide updates.

1	Susan Yoe	16	Adele Maguire
2	Philip Brady		Karen Ritter
	Richard Peake		Katy Smither
	John Wilt	17	Tommy Yoe
4	Lynn Gott	18	Emily Huntzberry
	Christopher Graham		Michelle Weems
	Luke Wilt		Michelle Wolf
5	Nicole Foveaux	19	Eddie Clark
6	Chase Foveaux		Linda Conner
	Johnny Huntzberry	20	Mary Crupi
	Corrine Jacobs		Penny Goodenough
7	Melissa Dell		Scott Paterson
9	Grace Bourne	23	Patti Ritter
	Nancy Dare		Lauren Trollinger
10	Megan Hance		Joey Weems
	Ina Stinnett	24	Julie Trollinger
11	Olivia Zinn	25	Tanner Johnson
12	Millie Money		Shannon Masters
	Sarah VonNessen		Victoria Peake
13	Patti Wahl	26	Byron Dunlap
15	Averi Lewis	28	Tera Swann
	Jessica Berens		
16	Lauren Bourne		Feb. Altar Guild
	Marc Briere		Diane Azpiazu
	Missy Carnes		Beverly Lusby
	David Francisco		Marcia Hammett



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NEWSPAPER
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Ash Wednesday this year is **14 Feb** (yes, on St Valentine's Day!). Join us at **7:30 a.m., noon, and 7 p.m.** for Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes, or stop by the Parish Hall for Drive-Thru Ashes 4-5 p.m.

Bishop's Visit. The Rt Rev Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, our new diocesan Bishop Coadjutor, will be with us on **Sun, 10 Mar 2024** (4th Sunday in Lent), for **one worship service** at **10 a.m.**, and a reception after the service. The bishop's visit is the traditional time for baptisms, confirmations, reception into The Episcopal Church, and reaffirmation of baptismal vows. Please contact Fr Christopher if you wish to be confirmed or received.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper. All are welcome to join us on **Tues, 13 Feb, 5-7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall for pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, and beverages, as enjoy a last feast of meat and rich foods before Lent begins on **A Wednesday (14 Feb)**. No RSVP needed the meal-just come and enjoy. In the past the men of the Parish have presented the supper. This year, all are welcome to help. Contact Rich White 410-610-2449 (text or voice) or rich.white.7110@gmail.com, if you will help.